



UNITED STATES ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION AGENCY

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January 20, 2009

Ms. Jeanine A. Derby, Forest Supervisor
Coronado National Forest
300 West Congress Street
Tucson, AZ, 85701

Subject: Draft Environmental Impact Statement for New Special-Use Permits for Recreation
Residences on the Safford Ranger District, Coronado National Forest, Graham County,
Arizona (CEQ #20080494)

Dear Ms. Derby:

The U.S. Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) has reviewed the Draft Environmental Impact Statement (DEIS) for New Special-Use Permits for Recreation Residences on the Safford Ranger District (Project) pursuant to the National Environmental Policy Act (NEPA), Council on Environmental Quality (CEQ) regulations (40 CFR Parts 1500-1508), and our NEPA review authority under Section 309 of the Clean Air Act.

Based on review of the DEIS we have rated the document LO-1, Lack of Objections - Sufficient Information (see enclosed EPA Rating Definitions). We have no further comments.

We appreciate the opportunity to review this DEIS. When the FEIS is published, please send one copy to us at the address above (Mail Code: CED-2). If you have any questions, please contact me at 415-972-3521, or contact Paul Amato, the lead reviewer for this project. Paul can be reached at 415-972-3847 or amato.paul@epa.gov.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, which appears to read "Kathleen M. Goforth", is written over a horizontal line.

Kathleen M. Goforth, Manager
Environmental Review Office

Enclosures: Summary of EPA Rating System

Cc: Ms. Andrea Wargo Campbell, Forest NEPA Coordinator